

Weekly Column for June 10, 2005

It's going to be a lovely day for a parade.

Sunday is the 38th Annual Flag Day Parade in the City of Troy, and we all know what that means! Time to be hot. I think we have been quite blessed over the past few years with remarkable weather for the parade. It seems as if every year the sun is shining and temperatures are the 70's or 80's. This Sunday? Well, I've heard it may hit 90 degrees, and to be quite honest, as someone marching in the parade, mid 70's sounds much, much better.

I'm sure everyone knows by now that the Flag Day Parade is the largest celebration of its kind in the United States and is billed by organizer as one of the most enduring event, and its tough to argue with that point. It's amazing to see the tens of thousands of people lined up on the street for this parade each and every year.

Of course times being what they are now, the significance of the parade is higher than in normal years. So while we celebrate this great event, we do so knowing in our hearts that there are people overseas fighting every day in war. Our thoughts and prayers are always with them.

An added bonus to this year's parade is that it will be a two-day festival, with a party taking place near Riverfront Park on Front Street beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday. There will be 22 carnival rides, concessions, games, fun foods, crafters and music, culminating with a spectacular fireworks display at dusk. A carnival ride special, "unlimited rides for \$10." will be available to Festival goers from 11AM to 3PM Sunday.

I'm sure if you look in the local paper this weekend you will a lot of coverage on the parade, but the specifics are as follows. Sunday at 1 p.m. Find a spot to sit on Fourth Street. Bring a lot of water, sun tan lotion, and even a flag. And enjoy yourself, it will be a great day for a parade.

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